



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Special City Council Worksession

May 12 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 5:45 p.m. in the Bartholomew Room.

Council Members Present: Debbie Goettel, Mayor; Edwina Garcia; Pat Elliott; Michael Howard; and Tom Fitzhenry.

Staff Present: Steven L. Devich, City Manager; Karen Barton, Acting Community Development Director; and Cheryl Krumholz, Executive Coordinator.

Item # 1	DISCUSSION REGARDING THE RICHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUNDING REQUEST (COUNCIL MEMO NO. 35)
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City Manager Devich explained the local Historical Society's request for funding and the City's limitations of funding for on-going operations, which was supported by the opinions of the City Attorney and the State Auditors.

The City Council consensus was for staff to assist the Historical Society in seeking another funding source because the City is unable to provide on-going funding.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:55 p.m.

Date Approved: May 26, 2015

Debbie Goettel
Mayor

Cheryl Krumholz
Executive Coordinator

Steven L. Devich
City Manager



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Special Concurrent City Council and Housing and Redevelopment Authority Worksession

May 12, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 6:00 p.m. in the Bartholomew Room.

*Council Members
Present:*

Debbie Goettel, Mayor; Pat Elliott; Michael Howard; Edwina Garcia; and Tom Fitzhenry.

*HRA Members
Present:*

Mary Supple, HRA Chair, Pat Elliott; Debbie Goettel; Doris Rubenstein; and David Gepner.

Staff Present:

Steven L. Devich, City Manager/HRA Executive Director; John Stark, Community Development Director; Karen Barton, Assistant Community Development Director; Pam Dmytrenko, Assistant City Manager/HR Manager; and Cheryl Krumholz, Executive Coordinator.

Item #1	DISCUSSION REGARDING CEDAR POINT II HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT AREA PROPOSALS (COUNCIL MEMO NO. 35/HRA MEMO NO. 17)
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City Manager/HRA Executive Director Devich explained six development teams presented preliminary proposals for the development of the Cedar Point housing area at a previous worksession. The City Council and HRA requested additional time to review the proposals and directed staff to gather and provide additional information from the developers.

Assistant Community Development Director Barton stated a summary of the six proposals, including the additional information requested, was provided to the City Council and HRA prior to tonight's worksession.

Community Development Director Stark discussed the Richfield Connect feedback which would be summarized and provided to the City Council and HRA at the end of the posting.

Mr. Stark continued that the Public Works Department has no significant concerns regarding infrastructure or traffic impacts related to the proposed density. The question is the neighborhood tolerance for the development. He added that the TIF analysis would be determined when the number of developers is reduced and there would be a financing mechanism with benchmarks to ensure the project was progressing. He also discussed the market rate analysis which indicated a desire for studio living.

Mr. Stark provided an update on the TIF extension legislation for this area.

Each developer discussed their project's proposed plan highlights and modifications, if any, from the initial presentation.

Mayor Goettel asked about the neighborhood feedback process.

Ms. Barton explained the homeowners on both sides of 16th Avenue were sent letters informing them of the process. She said the development teams selected to proceed will meet with the neighborhood.

Council Member Fitzhenry stated the concerns he has received regarding the project include sustainability, maintaining the texture of the neighborhood, not all brick, owner occupied, and that it not be monolith apartments.

Council Member Howard concurred with Council Member Fitzhenry and added additional comments he received included the project not be large buildings with large parking lots.

City Manager/Executive Director Devich stated the next step was to have a Special Concurrent City Council and HRA Meeting on May 26 for a final discussion and a ranking of developers.

Council Member Fitzhenry requested an open house be held so all six proposals could be reviewed to get feedback.

The City Council and HRA consensus was to conduct an open house after the ranking of the development proposals.

ADJOURNMENT

The worksession was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:00 p.m.

Date Approved: May 26, 2015.

Mayor Goettel
Mayor

Cheryl Krumholz
Executive Coordinator

Steven L. Devich
City Manager



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Meeting

May 12, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Council Members Present:

Debbie Goettel, Mayor; Michael Howard; Pat Elliott; Edwina Garcia; and Tom Fitzhenry.

Staff Present:

Steven L. Devich, City Manager; Kristin Asher, Acting Public Works Director; Jay Henthorne, Public Safety Director/Police Chief; Jim Topitzhofer, Recreation Services Director; Wayne Kewitsch, Fire Services Director/Fire Chief; Bill Fillmore, Liquor Operations Director; Chris Regis, Finance Manager; Robert Hintgen, Utilities Superintendent; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; and Cheryl Krumholz, Executive Coordinator.

OPEN FORUM

Susan Rosenberg, 6633 Thomas Avenue, announced the Garden Club plant sale at the Richfield Historical Society on May 16, 2015.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Goettel led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Fitzhenry, S/Elliott to approve the minutes of the (1) Special City Council Meeting of April 28, 2015; (2) Special City Council Worksession of April 28, 2015; and (3) Regular City Council Meeting of April 28, 2015.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #1	PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO MISS RICHFIELD AMBASSADORS (COUNCIL MEMO NO. 32)
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Mayor Goettel presented the certificates.

Item #2	PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT RECEIVED BY THE RICHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM THE FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION AND TO AUTHORIZE RECEIPT OF THE TRAINING EQUIPMENT TO BE UTILIZED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT S.R. NO. 67
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Council Member Garcia presented Staff Report No. 67.

M/Garcia, S/Howard that the following resolution be adopted and that it be made part of these minutes:

RESOLUTION NO. 11079

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF
RICHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM
FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION

Motion carried 5-0. This resolution appears as Resolution No. 11079.

Item #3	PRESENTATION BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY ON RICHFIELD SERVICE REPLACEMENTS AND YARD RESTORATION
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CenterPoint representatives made the presentation.

Item #4	PRESENTATION REGARDING NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK
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Acting Public Works Director Asher presented a video featuring the Richfield Water Plant.

Item #5	PRESENTATION OF THE RICHFIELD TOURISM PROMOTION BOARD, INC. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR-END DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
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This item was postponed to the May 26, 2015 City Council meeting.

Item #6	PRESENTATION OF MINNESOTA CERTIFIED CLERK CERTIFICATE FROM MINNESOTA CLERKS AND FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION TO RICHFIELD DEPUTY CITY CLERK THERESA SCHYMA
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Council Member Garcia presented the certificate to Ms. Schyma.

Item #7	COUNCIL DISCUSSION <ul style="list-style-type: none">Hats Off to Hometown Hits
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Council Member Fitzhenry announced National Police Week.

Council Member Fitzhenry announced the Memorial Day events at Veterans Memorial Park on May 25, 2015.

Council Member Howard stated the City Council is seeking public feedback on the Cedar Point II Housing Redevelopment Area proposals.

Recreation Services Director Topitzhofer announced the Richfield All-City Garage Sale on May 14-16 and the Farmers Market opening on May 16.

Council Member Garcia announced Flex Academy is having an informational session for parents and students at the Wood Lake Nature Center on May 14 and May 28.

Council Member Garcia announced the May 16 Human Trafficking forum sponsored by the Richfield Human Rights Commission and League of Women Voters.

Mayor Goettel encouraged people to volunteer to assist with Fourth of July activities.

Item #8	COUNCIL APPROVAL OF AGENDA
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M/Fitzhenry, S/Garcia to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #9	CONSENT CALENDAR
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- A. Consideration of the approval of the purchase of a point of sale and inventory tracking system from Retail Information technology Enterprises (RITE) for a one-time sum of \$53,236.76 and a first year estimated annual maintenance cost of \$9,322.71 for the four municipal liquor stores S.R. No. 68
- B. Consideration of the approval of a resolution authorizing acceptance of Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) funds for a four-year grant to fully fund an officer and fully equipped squad car dedicated for DWI enforcement in Richfield S.R. No. 69

RESOLUTION NO. 11080

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE TO ACCEPT GRANT MONIES FROM THE OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$171,750 OR A LESSER AMOUNT, AS AWARDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, TO FUND A POLICE OFFICER AND FULLY EQUIPPED SQUAD DEDICATED TO DWI ENFORCEMENT FOR FOUR YEARS

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 11080.

- C. Consideration of the approval of a resolution authorizing the Richfield HRA to reduce the original tax capacity of the Gramercy Park Cooperative Tax Increment District due to Homestead Market Value Exclusion S.R. No. 70

RESOLUTION NO. 11081

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RICHFIELD HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO ELECT TO REDUCE ORIGINAL TAX CAPACITY OF GRAMERCY PARK COOPERATIVE TAX INCREMENT DISTRICT DUE TO HOMESTEAD MARKET VALUE EXCLUSION

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 11081.

- D. Consideration of the approval of a resolution authorizing the Richfield HRA to reduce the original tax capacity of the Lyndale Gateway, LLC Tax Increment District due to Homestead Market Value Exclusion S.R. No.71

RESOLUTION NO. 11082

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RICHFIELD HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO ELECT TO REDUCE ORIGINAL TAX CAPACITY OF LYNDAL GATEWAY, LLC TAX INCREMENT DISTRICT DUE TO HOMESTEAD MARKET VALUE EXCLUSION

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 11082.

- E. Consideration of the approval of a resolution authorizing acceptance of grants received by Richfield Recreation Services Department from Hennepin County for youth sports equipment and to authorize the Recreation Services Director to execute the associated grant agreements S.R. No. 72

RESOLUTION NO. 11083

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF RICHFIELD-RECREATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ADMINISTER THE FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRANT AGREEMENTS AND TERMS PRESCRIBED BY DONORS

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 11083.

- F. Consideration of the approval of the following related to the Penn Avenue Tower Reconditioning project:
- Accept the bid minutes/tabulation and award a contract for the Penn Avenue Tower Reconditioning project to TMI Coatings, Inc. in the amount of \$992,450.00;
 - Authorize the City Manager to approve contract changes under \$100,000 without further City Council action S.R. No. 73
- G. Consideration of the approval of a resolution authorizing directing parallel utility undergrounding within the project limits of the Portland Avenue Reconstruction project (67th Street to 77th Street) S.R. No. 74

RESOLUTION NO. 11084

RESOLUTION DIRECTING XCEL ENERGY TO UNDERGROUND OVERHEAD UTILITIES ALONG PORTLAND AVENUE BETWEEN 67TH STREET AND 70TH STREET

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 11084.

M/Goettel, S/Elliott to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #10	CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR
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None.

Item #11	PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE CONSIDERATION OF THE CABLE COMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE APPLICATION OF CENTURY LINK TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO THE CITY OF RICHFIELD S.R. NO. 75
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Council Member Elliott presented Staff Report No. 75.

Brian Grogan, Southwest Suburban Cable Commission attorney, explained the application and the process that follows the ultimate decision to grant or deny a franchise. The final City Council action on the franchise agreement is expected to occur in early summer.

Tyler Middleton and Patrick Haggerty, Century Link representatives, discussed the PRISM technical, operational and financial elements of the application and the legal aspects of the federal and state law contradictions.

M/Goettel, S/Fitzhenry to close the public hearing.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #12	CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE SALE OF \$9,435,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION STREET RECONSTRUCTION BONDS, SERIES 2015A S.R. NO. 76
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Council Member Fitzhenry presented Staff Report No. 76.

Brian Reilly, Ehlers and Associates, explained the bond sale report, including the award of sale to Piper Jaffray & Co., in the amount of \$9.1 million.

M/Fitzhenry, S/Howard that the following resolution be adopted and that it be made part of these minutes:

RESOLUTION NO. 11085

RESOLUTION AWARDING THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION STREET RECONSTRUCTION BONDS, SERIES 2015A, IN THE ORIGINAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$9,435,000; FIXING THEIR FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS; DIRECTING THEIR EXECUTION AND DELIVERY; AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR PAYMENT

Motion carried 5-0. This resolution appears as Resolution No. 11085.

Item #13	CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
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None.

Item #14	CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS
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M/Garcia, S/Elliott that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

U.S. Bank		05/12/15
A/P Checks: 240359-240779	\$	1,931,433.29
Payroll: 109933-110247, 42431	\$	564,782.16
TOTAL	\$	2,496,215.45

Motion carried 5-0.

OPEN FORUM

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:35 p.m.

Date Approved: May 26, 2015

Debbie Goettel
Mayor

Cheryl Krumholz
Executive Coordinator

Steven L. Devich
City Manager